

SENATE BILL 2679  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 11, Part 7, relative to the distribution of  
proceeds derived from certain seizures and  
forfeitures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-713, is amended by adding  
the following as a new subsection:

(e) Regardless of the seizing agency, if proceeds are derived from the sale of  
property forfeited pursuant to this part, such proceeds shall first be used to pay any court  
costs and litigation taxes that have accrued as the result of any action instituted to  
effectuate such forfeiture.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-701, is amended by deleting  
the second sentence of subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

It is the intent of the general assembly, consistent with due process of law, that  
all property acquired and accumulated as a result of criminal offenses be forfeited to the  
state of Tennessee, and that the proceeds be first used to pay any accrued court costs  
and litigation taxes and then to fund further law enforcement efforts in this state.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.